Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, May 25th has annually been declared National Missing Children's Day. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the first Missing Children's Day; and,

Whereas, The Missing Children Act of 1982 was the first federal law to address this issue, and 2013 marks the thirty-year anniversary of the National Missing Children's Day; and,

Whereas, Citizens, law enforcement, families, and friends of missing children join together to plan events in communities across America to raise public awareness about the issue of missing children; and,

Whereas, We encourage citizens of South Dakota to participate in the National Center For Missing and Exploited Children's "Take 25" program by spending 25 minutes educating the children in their lives on child safety issues; and,

Whereas, Children are our most valuable asset, our link to the future, and their protection and safety deserve our utmost attention; and,

Whereas, State, county, city, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies across South Dakota have made a commitment to missing children by forming and participating in the statewide Amber Alert Plan, Endangered Persons Advisory, and Child Abduction Response Team to train, prepare, and respond in the event a child is abducted in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota shows commitment to the improved safety and recovery of missing children by our participation in the Interstate Advisory Council for Missing and Exploited Children:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2013, as

MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K Miller Deputy

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State